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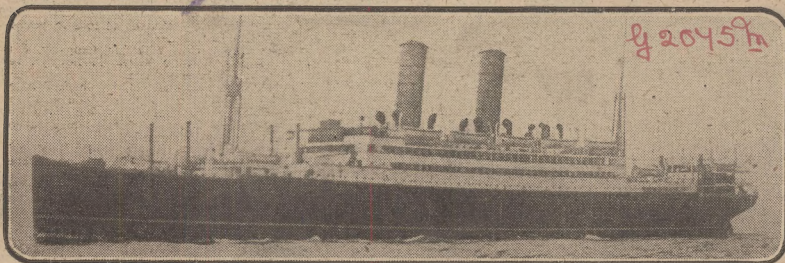
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## LINER WITH U.S. TROOPS SUNK



The Anchor liner Tuscania, which has been torpedoed off the Irish coast.



**AIR RAID HERO.**—When a bomb fell on an air raid shelter last week William Holmes, who was already wounded, helped to rescue women and children until his clothes caught fire. He died in hospital.—(Exclusive.)



Captain Peter McLean.

The Anchor liner Tuscania, under the command of Captain Peter McLean, was torpedoed at night on Tuesday, off the Irish coast whilst carrying United States troops. The approximate total number of saved is 2,187 out of a total of 2,397 on board.

## GRAND DUKE DEAD?



Information has been received from Petrograd that the Grand Duke Nicholas died suddenly on February 3 at Tashki under mysterious circumstances. The Grand Duke was the Russian Commander-in-Chief during the retreat from Warsaw. Long obituary notices of the Duke have appeared in the columns of the German newspapers.

## SEVEN WEEKS IN A SHELL HOLE IN FRANCE.



Private J. Taylor, who has been awarded the D.C.M. For seven weeks he lived in a shell hole bombarded by his own artillery and living on bully beef collected from the dead. When the enemy visited the shell hole he feigned death and so escaped capture. Inset: Private Peters, who shared his experience.—(Exclusive.)

## DEATH OF THE MARQUIS OF DUFFERIN AND AVA.



The late Lord Dufferin.



The new Marquis.



The new Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava.

The Marquis of Dufferin and Ava died yesterday morning at his London residence. He had been ill with double pneumonia. He will be succeeded by his brother, Captain Lord F. T. Hamilton Temple Blackwood. The late peer's son, Lord Basil Blackwood, fell in action last year.



## FILL UP YOUR RATION FORM TO-DAY.

Some Useful "Tips" for London Housewives.

### PRISON FOR MILKMAN.

The Daily Mirror is asked to remind people in London and the Home Counties that all application forms for food cards must be sent in, properly filled up, to the local food committees by to-morrow.

"If application is not made immediately," an official of the Food Ministry said yesterday, "it may mean considerable delay in granting the food card, and without that it will be impossible for any individual to obtain either butter or margarine."

#### WHAT TO REMEMBER.

The three important dates to remember are these:—

Feb. 9. (to-morrow) is the last day for sending in application forms.

Feb. 12. You should receive food cards for every member of the household by this date.

Feb. 25.—The rationing of butter or margarine (4oz. per head per week) begins.

A separate meat ration card will accompany each food card, and both will provide rations for a period of twenty weeks.

A good deal of public misunderstanding has arisen over a news agency statement that the Food Controller is about to issue an order prohibiting the sale of margarine at shops to persons who are not registered at the particular shop for sugar supplies.

The fact is, The Daily Mirror was informed, yesterday at the Ministry of Food, that no such order as has been suggested is contemplated.

At the Ministry of Food yesterday it was stated that a statement in a provincial paper that the Food Controller would take over the potatoes grown this year on allotments is untrue.

#### MORE FOOD HOARDERS.

"It is farcical to call those persons by way of a fine," said the magistrate at West London yesterday in sentencing to six weeks' hard labour Thomas Setchfield, milk seller, Fulham, for selling milk with added water.

Real "Fields of Victory."—The playing fields at Eton are being converted into victory plots on which the boys will grow vegetables. Several acres are also being ploughed up for raising corn.

"Waterloo," it will be remembered, is said to have been won on the playing fields of Eton. Summoned for food hoarding, Mrs. Marie Helene Marx, of Fitzjames-avenue, West Kensington, was fined £30 and five guineas costs at West London yesterday.

Defendant is seventy years of age. The magistrate ordered the goods to be confiscated.

### £10,000 WILL DISPUTE.

Court Story of How Bath-chair Man Became Man of Means.

An action concerning the estate of the late Joseph Bailey, of Cambridge, who died last April, leaving over £10,000, was before Mr. Justice Coleridge in the Probate Court yesterday. Plaintiff, Mr. Thompson, propounded a will dated March 23, 1917, under which he received a life interest in a public-house at Cambridge, a niece of testator £2 a week for life and a house, the residue going to a local hospital. Defendant, William Bailey, a brother of deceased, opposed the will.

Mr. Hume Williams, K.C., said deceased at one time used to draw a Bath chair. A lady left him a few hundred pounds, which he invested in public-house property, and became very successful. When he died he was a widower without any children, and plaintiff managed his business for a good many years.

Defendant was omitted altogether from the will.

Defendant, who appeared in person, said his brother was eccentric and had assured him he would never make a will.

The Judge pronounced in favour of the will.

### SEVENTEEN WAACS FINED £3 EACH.

At the Aldershot Police Court yesterday seventeen members of the W.A.A.C. employed as cooks at Pirbright were fined £3 each for disobeying orders.

It was stated in evidence that on February 2 the girls refused to work under the forewoman cook, who, they alleged, bullied them.

Some of the girls stated that they resented being refused permission to go out after they had done work in the evening.

### SIR S. MAUDE'S WILL.

Lieutenant-General Sir Frederick Stanley Maude, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., commanding the British Expeditionary Force in Mesopotamia, left £1,532 10s. 2d.

In his will he leaves the Victoria Cross, medals, orders and decorations and trophies belonging to his late father, and his own medals and trophies, including the gold cigarette case given to him by the King, to his son, to be treated as heirlooms.

The will finishes: "I hope my children will help, love and respect their mother and love and befriend each other."



Capt. Bowen-Collhurst, sentenced for the murder of Francis Sheehy, has been released.



Brig.-Gen. Hugh W. Perry, A.O.D., just awarded K.C.M.G. for services connected with Mesopotamia.

## BE ON YOUR GUARD.

Expert Gang Who Are Passing Off Spurious Coins.

### "WORKING" THE TRAM-CARS.

Complaints are general in London and district as to the operations of a gang of experts who are circulating spurious coins, particularly florins. Many people have been victimised, including tram and omnibus conductresses.

It is known that in one case yesterday two men boarded a car. One sat in the front and the other at the back. Both succeeded in changing two florins which were found to be bad.

## 'BACKBONE OF THE ARMY.'

Lord Derby's Tribute to N.C.O.s of Old and New Armies.

Lord Derby, opening the Chevrons Club at St. George's-square, Victoria, yesterday afternoon, as a residential club for the petty and non-commissioned officers, said the Germans had made a mistake in relying on the belief that they could easily defeat our Army or that we could not get non-commissioned officers to train the new troops properly to take their place in the ranks. "The Germans have found out their mistake," he said. "They have found out that they could not get non-commissioned officers just as good, though not so highly trained, and just as courageous as those of the old Army."

"The non-commissioned officers are just as they were in the past—the backbone of the British infantry and cavalry regiments."

## NEW ADMIRALS.

Promotion for Sir A. Limpus and Captain de C. Foot.

Among naval changes are the following:—Admiral Sir Thomas H. M. Jerrah, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., has been placed on the retired list at his own request.

Vice-Admiral Sir Arthur H. Limpus, K.C.M.G., C.B., becomes an admiral, and Rear-Admiral Edward F. B. Charlton, K.C.M.G., C.B., a vice-admiral.

Captain Cunningham R. de C. Foot is promoted rear-admiral—all to date January 30. From April, 1912, to September, 1914, Admiral Limpus was Naval Adviser to Turkey. He was afterwards appointed Admiral Superintendent of Malta Dockyard.

## LOOKING-GLASS ON FENCE

J.P.'s Wife Found Dead in a Field—Revolver in a Basket.

Mrs. Margaret Pusey Dugdale, wife of Mr. Norman Dugdale, J.P., of Dutton Manor, near Blackburn, was found dead in a field near her residence on Wednesday with a bullet wound in her forehead. A verdict that Mrs. Dugdale shot herself while not of sound mind was returned at yesterday's inquest.

Mr. Jerrard grasped a humane cattle-killer and a loaded revolver was in a basket near her. She had placed a mirror on the fence and left a note regarding the disposal of the body.

Mr. Dugdale said that his wife had fretted continually since her favourite dog had had to be destroyed owing to old age.

## PEERAGE FOR SIR J. FORREST.

The King has been pleased to confer the dignity of a barony of the United Kingdom upon the Right Hon. Sir John Forrest, G.C.M.G., Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Australia, in recognition of his long and distinguished services to the Empire.

Sir John was the first Premier of Western Australia. He is a great explorer, and headed three expeditions into the unknown interior.

## LORD DUFFERIN DEAD.

The Marquis of Dufferin and Ava died yesterday from double pneumonia in a hospital near here.

The second son of the first marquis, he succeeded his father in 1902, his elder brother being killed at Ladysmith. Fifty-two years of age, he retained until the vicinity of youth, and was a popular and excellent sportsman.

The heir-presumptive to the title, Lord Basil Blackwood, late of the Grenadier Guards, was killed last July, so the titles fall to the only other brother, Lord Frederick.

## QUERY QUEUES?

Government Information Bureaux To Be Established in London.

### "INQUIRE WITHIN" KIOSKS.

"Inquire Within" kiosks for obtaining official information free of charge—Government information bureaux, in fact—are being established.

They will take the form of attractive kiosks where day by day the various Government appeals issued by the various Ministries and Departments, such as the War Aims Committee, the Ministry of National Service, the Ministry of Food, the Ministry of Pensions, the Ministry of Labour, and the War Savings Committee will be prominently displayed.

Those who have wondered where to apply for such Government publications and have found difficulty in getting them, will find everything made easy for them when the Government bureaux are opened in the great stores, in the offices of newspapers, in banks and insurance offices, at some of the railway stations.

Monday, February 12, is the day fixed for opening the majority of the bureaux.

## AIR BOARD'S HOME.

Large Number of Buildings To Be Taken Over.

Owing to the urgent demand for increased accommodation for Government purposes several important buildings are to be taken over by H.M. Office of Works.

Over 150 demands for further accommodation have been received, many of the most pressing character. Sir Alfred Mond, First Commissioner of Works, stated last night that it has been decided to authorise the commandeering of a large number of buildings in London, in order to meet the urgent need for increased accommodation necessitated by the expansion of the Air Board.

The committee in charge of the department concerned with Government accommodation regrets that this step must cause considerable inconvenience to a number of firms, but state that it is of the most vital importance for the conduct of the war that the accommodation be secured at once.

## MR. ROOSEVELT VERY ILL.

"Condition Serious"—Extra Doctors Called to Bedside.

New York, Thursday.—It is announced that extra doctors have been summoned to the bedside of Mr. Roosevelt. The following is issued at the hospital:—

Mr. Roosevelt passed a comfortable night, but inflammation developed to-day, and has entered into the ear.

"His condition is serious, but there is no need for a further operation at present."—Central News.

## "HEIRS OF FREEDOM."

Mr. Lloyd George's Message to the Sunday School Union.

The Prime Minister has addressed the following letter to the president of the National Sunday School Union:—

"I hope that the success which will crown those efforts will set its seal on this as the 'Children's Year,' and that the new ideas which are everywhere dawning will be used to give such a fresh understanding to the children of this generation as will make them worthy heirs of the freedom their fathers are now fighting for."

## ONE DOCTOR FOR 6,000 PATIENTS.

It was stated at a special meeting of the London Insurance Committee yesterday that owing to the war there was in the Shoreditch and Bethnal Green area only one doctor for every 6,000 of the population.

## CHOIR PLATFORM COLLAPSES.

During a performance of "The Messiah" at Bargoed, near Newport, last night, the temporary platform, upon which was a choir of nearly 200 singers, collapsed with a crash. Several members of the choir were slightly injured.

## NO MAN-POWER STRIKE?

To-day ends the period allowed by the Clyde workers for a reply from the Government regarding their man-power demands. But it is now practically assured that there will be no strike this week-end.

Another meeting of the Federated Trades Committee has been convened for Sunday, when the whole situation will be reviewed.

AMSTERDAM, Thursday.—A telegram from Oldenzaal states that an explosion has occurred at a powder factory at Vohwinkel, near Barmen (Rhine Province), a number of persons being killed and injured.—Reuter.

## SEVEN WEEKS IN A SHELL HOLE.

Tommy Who Feigned Death to Escape Capture.

### GRIM SEARCH FOR FOOD.

Seven weeks in a shell hole, bombarded by his own artillery and living on bully beef collected from the dead!

Such is the record of Private J. Taylor, of the London Regiment, who, for his pluck and determination not to fall into the enemy's hands has been awarded the D.C.M.

Here are the circumstances as told in yesterday's London Gazette:—

Having been cut off with his company, Private J. Taylor, London Rifles (Holloway), received a bullet in the thigh.

To avoid capture he crawled into a shell hole, where he remained for a period of over seven weeks, during the whole of which time the surrounding district was subjected to a severe bombardment by our artillery.

He subsisted upon tins of bully beef collected at night from dead bodies, and water which he obtained in a water-proof cape.

After some weeks three of the enemy visited his shell hole, but by feigning death he avoided capture and eventually succeeded in crawling back to our lines—where he came 300 yards.

"He displayed extraordinary pluck and endurance," says the Gazette, "by his determination not to fall into the enemy's hands."

Eighty Hours Underground.—The D.C.M. has also been awarded to 36154 Support J. Sullivan, R.E., for "conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty." When eleven men were imprisoned in a mine he spent eighty hours underground in the most dangerous conditions attempting rescues.

## PEPPER AND TEAR SHELLS

Fine of £500 for Attempt to Export 70lb. to Sweden.

At Hull yesterday John Olsen, a ship's carpenter, was fined £500 or nine months' imprisonment for attempting to export 70lb. of pepper to Sweden.

The prosecuting solicitor said pepper was in great demand as an ingredient for tear shells.

## BURN LESS GAS.

Coal Controller's Appeal to Consumers of Artificial Light.

Householders are urgently enjoined to exercise the greatest possible economy in the use of gas and electricity.

"These commodities are so easily obtainable and are, comparatively speaking, so cheap, that few people appreciate the enormous quantities of many millions of tons of coal are required annually to produce them," writes the Coal Controller to The Daily Mirror.

I venture to appeal, therefore, to all classes of consumers to take the matter into their hands for themselves, and to see that every gas burner and electric switch over which they have control is used as sparingly as circumstances will allow."

## NEWS ITEMS.

Lord Stalbridge's Estate Sale.—The estates to be sold by Lord Stalbridge extend to about 7,000 acres and include the towns of Stalbridge and Shaftesbury.

Rats £18,000,000 of Food.—At a Northumberland County Council meeting yesterday a member said the rats in the county consumed £18,000,000 worth of food annually.

U.S. Shipping Controlled.—The new Shipping Control Committee, states a New York Express message, will direct the entire shipping with the Allies and provide transports for the United States troops.

Fall in Birth Rate.—The startling fall in the birth rate is simply the inevitable result of the segregation of the sexes entailed by the war, states the Lancet, commenting on the Registrar-General's returns.

Mr. Henderson's Seat.—Mr. Arthur Henderson, M.P., who has represented the Barnard Castle Division for nearly fifteen years, has intimated by letter to his constituents his inability to contest the seat at the next election.

## WINNERS AT GATWICK.

12.30.—Submit (1006, R. Morgan), 1; Marie's Pride (1002, 2); MacMerry (1003, 3); 12.40.—Perry (10030, Mr. O. Caeque), 1; Carrigue (41), 2; Finnigan (201), 3; 9.10.—Loch Allen (51), 2; Kelly (51), 3; 9.20.—Dreys (1003, 2); 9.30.—Sutton (31), 2; 9.40.—Hollins Lane (7), 2; 9.50.—Water Bed (10030), 2; 9.50.—Fargue (7), 2; 10.00.—Fargue (7), 2; 10.10.—Fargue (7), 2; 10.20.—Fargue (7), 2; 10.30.—Fargue (7), 2; 10.40.—Fargue (7), 2; 10.50.—Fargue (7), 2; 11.00.—Fargue (7), 2; 11.10.—Fargue (7), 2; 11.20.—Fargue (7), 2; 11.30.—Fargue (7), 2; 11.40.—Fargue (7), 2; 11.50.—Fargue (7), 2; 12.00.—Fargue (7), 2; 12.10.—Fargue (7), 2; 12.20.—Fargue (7), 2; 12.30.—Fargue (7), 2; 12.40.—Fargue (7), 2; 12.50.—Fargue (7), 2; 1.00.—Fargue (7), 2; 1.10.—Fargue (7), 2; 1.20.—Fargue (7), 2; 1.30.—Fargue (7), 2; 1.40.—Fargue (7), 2; 1.50.—Fargue (7), 2; 2.00.—Fargue (7), 2; 2.10.—Fargue (7), 2; 2.20.—Fargue (7), 2; 2.30.—Fargue (7), 2; 2.40.—Fargue (7), 2; 2.50.—Fargue (7), 2; 3.00.—Fargue (7), 2; 3.10.—Fargue (7), 2; 3.20.—Fargue (7), 2; 3.30.—Fargue (7), 2; 3.40.—Fargue (7), 2; 3.50.—Fargue (7), 2; 4.00.—Fargue (7), 2; 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# U.S. TRANSPORT SUNK WITH LOSS OF 210 LIVES

**Anchor Liner Tuscania Torpedoed in Night Off Irish Coast—2,397 on Board.**

**BERLIN: "GRAND DUKE NICHOLAS DEAD."**

**Artillery Liveliness on Western Front—Two Big Air Raids on Turks—Mystery of Brest-Litovsk.**

**U.S. Transport's Fate.**—The Tuscania, while carrying United States troops, was torpedoed on Tuesday night. The number of military on board was 2,011 and the number of crew, etc., 176. Out of a total of 2,397 on board 2,187 were saved, the loss of life being 210.

**Hammering the Turk.**—In two consecutive air raids on the same Turk camps in Palestine our airmen secured eighty-four direct hits. The Arab forces of our ally, the King of the Hedjaz, recently administered a severe defeat on the Turks, killing 400.

## SANG LINED UP ON SINKING TRANSPORT.

**Rescues After Six Hours in Water.**

## TYPHOID CASES SAVED.

### ADMIRALTY OFFICIAL.

The Anchor liner Tuscania was torpedoed at night on February 5 off the Irish coast whilst carrying United States troops.

The following are the approximate number of saved:—

### UNITED STATES MILITARY.

Officers	76
Men	1,935

### CREW.

Officers	16
Men	125
Passengers	3
Not Specified	32
Total number on board, 2,397.	
Total number saved, 2,187.	

The Press Association is requested to state that the captain of the Tuscania is named Peter McLean, and not Henderson, as announced in the official communiqué.

The Tuscania, built in 1914, was a vessel of 14,348 tons gross. She was 549ft. long, with a beam of 86ft. and 41ft. draught, and had four decks and shelter deck. She was fitted with four geared turbines and supplied with submarine signalling apparatus.]

### SMALL DETACHMENTS.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday. Midnight. — The War Department announced that the loss of American citizens aboard the Tuscania will not exceed 250, and it is hoped that even this figure will be considerably reduced.

The number of Americans aboard the transport is given as 2,179.

The troops consisted of small detachments from various States.

There were no civilian passengers.—Central News.

WASHINGTON, Thursday.—Mr. Baker, in an official statement, said: The sinking of the Tuscania is the first challenge by an adversary who has refused but made deadlier the stealth of savage warfare. We must win the war and we will. Losses like this only unite us, while making more determined.—Exchange.

The Major-General in Command of United States Forces in Great Britain has transmitted to the War Department a list of twenty-nine survivors of the Tuscania.

These names, it is believed, are additional to those previously accounted for.—Central News.

## STOOD TO ATTENTION.

Graphic stories of the sinking of the Tuscania have been narrated by survivors.

Some of the men were in the water from half-past six in the evening until one o'clock next morning.

Many clambered aboard rafts and waited in the inky darkness for the dawn and rescue.

Two survivors who were rescued from a raft by a coasting schooner and brought in to Sergeant E. C. Du Buque, of Brooklyn, and Sergeant Muller, of New York.

The former said that when the crash came eight lifeboats were either blown into the air or rendered useless. He and his comrades were immediately lined up, and standing to attention began singing the "Star-Spangled Banner" and "My Country 'Tis of Thee," the ship's crew singing the British National Anthem, the setting of which is identical with the latter hymn.

The occupants of the boat to which he was told off were precipitated into the sea. He was lucky enough to make his way on to a raft, where he found his comrade, Sergeant Muller.

He saw a good many men still in the sea and noticed that a number of collapsible rafts were being thrown over the port side of the Tuscania

to enable those struggling in the water to save themselves.

An American officer has given the following narrative:—

There was naturally a good deal of confusion. You cannot lower a score of lifeboats from an upper deck height in the darkness without some confusion, but at no time was there panic, though there was great excitement. This only lasted a few minutes. Megaphone calls went over the ship: "There is no danger of her sinking before all have been taken off."

A few men who had jumped overboard in the first excitement were picked up.

For a minute I did not know whether to go into a lifeboat or stick by the ship. One of the crew of the liner decided, "We stick on board and trust John Bull's destroyers," he yelled in my ear, and I took his advice and waited my turn to go on board.

"No sooner had we cast off with 500 men on board than a torpedo was fired at us. It missed. Another destroyer dashed off on a bomb-dropping enterprise, and the claim was made afterwards that a submarine had been 'done in.'"

It is proof of the order prevailing that two typhoid and two pneumonia cases were landed without experiencing bad effects.

## HANDS AS PADDLES.

Private James Alston Purington, a University undergraduate, said there was some difficulty in lowering the lifeboats, the chains being broken.

One or two boats capsized and the occupants struggling in the water added to the confusion and tragedy.

Private Purington managed to clutch a couple of oars lashed together. After he had floated for some time he secured a plank that in comparison seemed to promise safety.

For nearly three hours he managed to keep afloat until picked up by a minesweeper.

Thomas Smith, of Glasgow, boatswain's mate said:—

"After all the boats got away I went down to C deck and launched a raft and picked up about fourteen soldiers who were swimming about."

"We had no oars and had to paddle along by using our hands. We were picked up at nine o'clock by a steamer."

All accounts agree that after the first momentary confusion due to the tremendous loss of the Tuscania, the discipline and courage of the soldiers was superb.

In reply to a telegram of the Lord Mayor of Belfast, who offered deepest sympathy and all necessary help, Dr. Page, in expressing thanks, said: "The sympathy and help... is still another evidence not only of your national warmth but of the strength of our brotherhood in arms."

According to the Belfast Telegraph, the Tuscania was one of a convoy.

## 56 FOE PLANES DOWNED IN TWELVE DAYS.

**Bassano and Treviso Again Bombarded by Enemy Machines.**

### ITALIAN OFFICIAL.

From the Stelvio to the sea there were slight artillery activity, some patrol encounters between the Adige and the Brenta and a few aerial combats in the course of which British airmen shot down an enemy machine.

Calvino (south-east of Brescia), Bassano and again Treviso and Mestre were bombed early yesterday morning by hostile aircraft, causing little damage and a few casualties.

One of our airships reached last night the aviation ground of St. Giacomo di Veglia (south-east of Vittorio), dropping one ton of high explosives.

The number of hostile machines brought down from January 23 to the 6th inst. by our own and our Allies' airmen reached fifty-six.



THE GRAND DUKE NICHOLAS.

## REPORTED DEATH OF THE GRAND DUKE NICHOLAS.

**Mysterious Fate of Russia's Former Great "C.-in-C."**

AMSTERDAM, Thursday. — The Dusseldorfer Nachrichten states that it learns from Petrograd that the Grand Duke Nicholas Nicolaievitch died suddenly on February 3 at Tashki under mysterious circumstances. German papers give long obituary notices.—Exchange.

The late Grand Duke was the Russian Commander-in-Chief during the famous retreat from Warsaw.

## FLAMING BOLSHEVIK CALL TO GERMAN STRIKERS.

**Kuhlmann and Hoffmann as "Hangmen and Spoilers."**

A manifesto from the Petrograd Soviet to the workers of Berlin and Vienna has been issued by the Bolsheviks, says a Reuter Petrograd message.

In welcoming "the glorious fight" of the Austro-German strikers "against German and universal imperialism," the manifesto says:—

"Brothers and companions in arms, by your strikes and demonstrations and the creation of your Council of Workers' and Soldiers' Delegates you have shown that the Austro-German working-class will not allow the hangmen and spoilers to impose a peace of violations and annexations."

"The red spectre of Communism is invading the whole of Europe and the universal social revolution is here. Midnight has struck. We must sacrifice all for the victory of Socialism."

"The destined outcome of the peace parliaments is being decided not at Brest-Litovsk but in the streets of Berlin and Vienna and other German and Austrian cities."

### RUSSO-GERMAN MYSTERY.

An Exchange Petrograd message dated Tuesday and received yesterday states:—

Although the direct wire with Brest has already been repaired, no news has been received at the Smolny Institute for the last four days.

It is considered that the Russian delegates have been prevented from communicating with Petrograd.

As a means of reprisal the Smolny Institute has threatened the discontinuance of the delegates placed at the disposal of the Austro-German delegation at Petrograd connecting them with Brest.

Private information has reached Petrograd, says another Exchange message, that General Alexieff, with an army of 35,000, left Novotcherkassk to meet the Bolsheviks.

## LUDENDORFF'S PLANS FOR A VAST OFFENSIVE.

**Coming Blows in Northern Russia and on Western Front.**

The German Press is filled with sensational reports concerning the decisions come to yesterday at Berlin by the representatives of the Headquarters Staffs and the Governments of Berlin and Vienna, states an Exchange message, quoting the Zurich correspondent of the Journal.

The Lokalanzeiger and the Stuttgart Neue Tagblatt speak in awed tones on the plans of campaign which have been drawn up by common accord for operations against both Northern Russia and the Western Powers.

It appears that Ludendorff was very categorical in his declarations, and insisted on having his way, that special measures should be taken by both Governments against the revolutionary movement.

The enemy newspapers dwell particularly on the military projects on both the Russian and the Franco-German fronts, and allow it to be understood that the statements made by Ludendorff leave no doubt whatever as to the issue of the operations, which are to be on a big scale.—Exchange.

## 84 DIRECT HITS IN TWO AIR RAIDS!

**Turk Camps Attacked by British Pilots.**

## ARABS ROUT THE ENEMY.

### BRITISH OFFICIAL.

Palestine. — The General Officer Commanding-in-Chief reports that on February 3 a successful raid was carried out by our air service on enemy camps in the vicinity of Miskeh (nine miles south-south-west of Tul Kham). The Turks were routed, losing over 400 killed, 300 prisoners (including the commander of the force), two mountain guns, eighteen machine guns, 300 rifles and 200 horses and mules.

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## FINE RAIDS ON HUN LINE BY ENGLISH TROOPS.

**Vain Hun Blows in Alsace—German Liveliness on French Front.**

### BRITISH OFFICIAL.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, FRANCE, Thursday. 9.2 P.M.—Early this morning English troops raided a German post south-east of Queant, killing or taking prisoners several of the garrison.

A hostile raiding party which attempted to approach our lines west of La Bassee was successfully repulsed.

The enemy's artillery was active this afternoon in the neighbourhood of Le Verquiers (north-west of St. Quentin) and east of Monchy-le-Preux.

10.10 A.M.—Liverpool troops carried out a successful raid last night east of Arrmentieres, capturing several prisoners and a machine gun. Our casualties were light.

Hostile artillery has shown some activity south-west of Cambrai and south of Lens.

### GERMAN OFFICIAL.

Afternoon. — Infantry detachments brought in prisoners as a result of an attack west of Zandvoorde and of field engagements in Artois.

Artillery duels took place near the coast on both sides of the Scarpe and west of Cambrai.

### FRENCH OFFICIAL.

The activity of both artilleries was particularly lively on the front north of the Aisne, in the Chavigny-Porgny-Finain road-Finain region, on the right bank of the Meuse, in the sector of Samogneux, on Hill 344 and on the Hartmannsweilerkopf.

Enemy detachments which attempted to approach our small posts north-east of Braye-en-Laonnois and in the region of the Mortier Wood were repulsed.

In Champagne we successfully carried out a raid on the enemy's trenches east of Ailette. In Alsace, after a violent artillery preparation, the Germans attempted without success to penetrate at two points our lines in the Banholz.

### GERMAN OFFICIAL.

A French attack in Champagne broke down in the Meuse region.

Artillery activity was kept up throughout the day in support of a successful reconnaissance south-west of Ormes.

## TON OF BOMBS ON FOE.

### BRITISH AIR OFFICIAL.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, Thursday. 9.2 P.M.—On the 6th inst. low clouds and a mist impeded operations.

Several reconnaissance operations were carried out by our aeroplanes, and hostile batteries were engaged by our artillery with observation from the air.

Over a ton of bombs were dropped by us on various targets in the enemy's lines.

Two hostile machines were brought down in the fighting and two of our machines are missing.



# WITH OUR CANADIAN FORCES AT THE FRONT.



The memorial cross to Canadian artillermen being made.—(Canadian official.)



This cross is erected to the memory of the Canadian soldiers who died in the winter campaign, 1916-17, in the capture of Vimy Ridge, and in the subsequent operations.—(Canadian official.)



A group of Canadians drawing water for their comrades, who are driving the Boches through Lens.—(Canadian official.)



**MISSING.**—Private Harry Cecil Hammond, Royal Fusiliers, who has been missing officially since December 30, 1917.



**"MENTIONED."**—Lady Leucha Warner, who was mentioned in the War Office dispatch for valuable hospital services.



**WOUNDED.**—Second Lieut. F. P. M. Bevan, M.C., of the Grenadier Guards, who is now lying wounded in hospital.

## DUCKS—BUT NO FOOD.



Little Miss Rosalind Mavor, a niece of Sir Walter Gilbey, is disappointed because she cannot feed the ducks in the Park.

## A MILITARY WEDDING



Major J. H. Reeves and Miss Dorothy Frances Broome were married at St. Clement Danes, Strand.—(Daily Mirror photograph.)

# THE KAISER INSPECTS



The above photograph represents the Kaiser taking a column. The officer on the extreme

## ROYAL CHILDREN OF SPAIN.



The latest photograph of Don Juan and Don Gonzalo, the children of the King and Queen of Spain. They are seen in uniform.

## CANADIAN CAVALRY GO



These lads from the land of the Maple Leaf find a training for the time when large bodies of cavalry



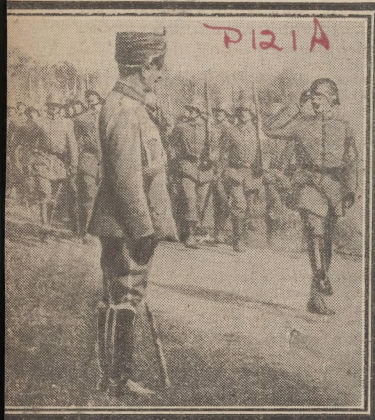
**FOR PALESTINE.**—Major Beekes Willson, who is leaving France for Palestine and Mesopotamia. He is a well-known author.



**KILLED.**—"Bill" Albany, sculling champion, killed in action. Though severely wounded twice, he refused medical attention.

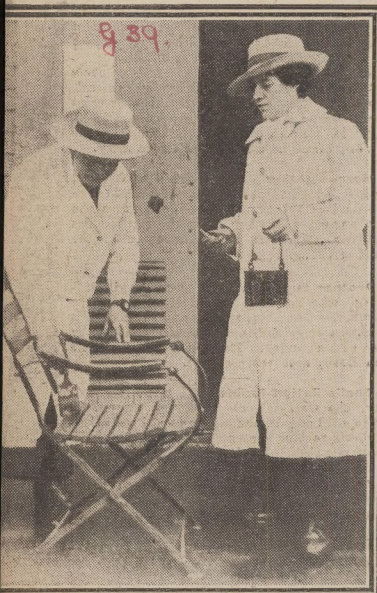


## CRACK REGIMENT.



on a crack German battalion marching past in picture is seen doing the goose-step.

## A BREATH OF SUMMER.



on chair attendants are already painting up the in preparation for the sweltering August days at that popular seaside resort.

## THE TOP" IN A NEW WAY.



On horseback "Somewhere in France." They are in hastening the retreat of the Hun.—(Canadian official.)

## WORK OF THE ROYAL FLYING CORPS IN FRANCE.



Officers of the R.F.C. night bombing squadron fixing electrical foot-sole and glove-heating apparatus in preparation for a night bombing raid.—(British official.)



A pilot in the R.F.C. examining a 25lb. bomb.—(British official.)



Italian children are delighted with the music of the pibroch played by a Kiltie belonging to the "Ingleesh" forces.—(Official photograph.)



**BOOK MYSTERY.**—Mrs. Bond, widow of Captain W. A. Bond, M.C., is said to be part author of "An Airman's Wife."



**M.C.**—Captain R. Rutherford, R.A.M.S., of Gosforth, Newcastle, has been awarded the Military Cross for gallantry.



**CANTEEN WORKER.**—Miss A. M. Ambler, who is doing canteen work at an officers' club in Belgrave square.

## "BEST FRESH BUTTER."



These modern dairymaids show great interest in the butter-making lessons given at the ladies' training college in the cream county.

## WANTING A MAN'S JOB.



These two girls are anxiously scanning the men list in the shop window in the quest for the men's jobs.



**HOSPITAL WORK.**—Lady Crossfield, who has been mentioned by the War Office for valuable hospital work.



**WAR WORKER.**—Lady Londonderry, who is head of the Women's Legion Military Cooking Section. She is a popular hostess.



# Daily Mirror

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1918.

## WHILE THEY WAIT. . .

WHILE all combatants wait for great events supposed to be coming on the battlefields, the Germans are being encouraged over their meagre morning meal by newspaper accounts of the crisis continually raging in this country.

We watch their press for news of discontent and discomfort in Germany. They get from it a liberal supply of fatal symptoms now observable in England.

Lately, they have had a cinema-dramatic affair known as the Battle of Oxford Street. They supplied coffee-substitute all the more eagerly in reading how the Scotch boys of Sheper Bush emerged thence to quell the crowd in Oxford Street. A nocturnal throng in Threadneedle Street encouraged them over pork-sausage-substitute. The substitutes for bread and beer went down with new alacrity as they read of the confusion in the usual Sunday crowd outside the Bank. The throng on Bank Holiday in Throgmorton Street was not mentioned.

These things help, just as (to be just) the doleful accounts of returned neutrals have all along encouraged us, reading of a walking race of substitute-skeletons in once portly and prosperous Deutschland. They help. But they don't sustain. They last, so far as nourishment goes, hardly longer than the food-substitutes themselves. Somehow, you can no longer get your teeth into them. Somehow . . . but why and how?

We conceive that the law of diminishing propagandist returns, so to call it, is beginning to tell in Germany: that is, they believe less each year or month, and therefore have to be given more to believe, each month and every year.

They believed a lot about us, before the war—the chief point being that we would not come in this time.

But if we did come in, or rather were we forced in by skilful Hun policy, later, in the next war, then—then you had a series of highly-coloured publications revealing the sort of thing that would immediately be done to us.

Bloodstained fields of England, ruined English towns!—we had them exhibited in many a treatise or romance of the "When We Get to London" type. And when the war began, swiftly they did indeed get to London—in imagination. It was completely consumed by fire!

They may have believed all this. . .

They believed in getting to Paris, in getting to Calais, in getting past Verdun, in getting huge supplies of Rumanian corn, in immediate Russian peace, in getting to Venice and Rome. . . They believed in the six-months' victory of U-boats. They believe that America cannot get ready in time.

And now their faculty of "believing in that which their rulers know to be untrue" is to be exercised, it seems, for the fourth year, in two main directions: Hindenburg will make them believe he is to get to Paris; the Press propaganda will make them believe that such riots as the one at Sheper Bush will bring us to our knees. On these two truth-substitutes it is hoped they will endure, till Gott wills, which may be a long time.

We hold, on the other hand, that still more believable stimulus or provender will have to be provided, in view of a noticeable growing scepticism, a spreading dejection of doubt, over the morning substitutes in Germany.

W. M.

## A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

If all men were virtuous, I should with alacrity teach them all to fly. But what would be the security of the good, if the bad could at pleasure invade them from the sky? A flight of northern savages might hover in the wind, and light at once with irresistible violence upon the capital of a fruitful region that was rolling under them. The Prince promised secrecy. . . —Dr. Johnson in "Rasselas."



Lady Juliet Duff, "mentioned" for her nursing work at Conter Hospital.



Mrs. Burnett, whose husband, a D.S.O., is Sir Thomas Burnett's heir.

## RATIONING PLANS.

Busy Political Clubs—Interesting Weddings in London.

"RATIONS" are on everybody's lips now—metaphorically speaking. Housewives all over London are wondering how the meat dole will be portioned out. "Weight or value" are passionately discussed, I find.

Busy Politicians.—Although Parliament has been prorogued, I have never seen the

## HOW NOT TO TRAVEL BY TUBE.—No. 3.

DON'T PUSH AND STRUGGLE TO GET INTO A CARRIAGE ALREADY FILLED TO OVERFLOWING.



WHEN THERE IS AN EMPTY ONE ON EITHER SIDE OF IT.



Another common, sheep-like mania is the habit of rushing madly at the most crowded part of each train. Meanwhile there is plenty of room in all the other parts.—(By W. K. Haselden.)

political clubs so humming with life as they were yesterday. I lunched at one of the biggest, and every seat in the spacious dining-room was taken. Many of the members were in khaki, I noticed.

Big Events.—There seems to be a kind of feeling about that great things are pending in politics. To see the coming and going in the clubs one might be cheated into the belief that a serious crisis was hanging over us.

Excitement.—The exciting scenes that marked the close of the session could not have surprised my readers. Did I not predict on Tuesday that it would "go out like a lion"?

Actor's Daughter.—I hear that Miss Jeanne du Maurier, Mr. Gerald du Maurier's little girl, is to be one of the eight bridesmaids at the marriage of Captain Cyril Asquith to Miss Anne Pollock, on Tuesday. Mr. Asquith has lent his house at Sutton Courtney for the honeymoon.

# TO-DAY'S GOSSIP

News and Views About Men, Women, and Affairs in General

The Guard of Honour.—Flying officers, under Wing Commander Briggs, D.S.O., formed a guard of honour at Miss Haidee Becker's wedding yesterday to Squadron Commander W. Geoffrey Moore, D.S.C., in the Savoy Chapel. The bride was accompanied by two "Romney" bridesmaids, Miss Eily Becker and Miss Sylvia Ogden.

Who Were There.—The little chapel was crowded. Sir Francis Lowe arrived early. I saw also Lady Russell, the Hon. Mrs. and Miss Crichton, Colonel Sir Frederick Hall, Sir John and Lady Bland-Sutton, Colonel Savage and Mrs. Fred Terry.

An A.D.C.—I notice that Lord Selborne's second son, the Hon. William Palmer, of the Hampshire Regiment, is gazetted aide-de-camp on the personal staff.

Paget Weds Paget.—One little page accompanied Miss Winifred Nora Paget at St.

Voice Production.—Lady Howard de Walden informs me that she is, of course, very gratified at the success of her young protégée, Miss Elizabeth Burke Sheridan, in grand opera in Rome. As I told you recently, the young singer was discovered in an Irish convent, and taken to London.

The Trainer.—What particularly pleases Lady Howard de Walden, who, as you know, is a trained singer, is that her protégée was taught singing by the lady, Miss Olga Lyon, who was Lady Howard de Walden's own singing mistress.

Court Circles.—The Court Theatre is decidedly a social centre this week. I saw Countess Hollander with a party of well-known women at Mlle. Juliette Mylo's matinee yesterday. To-day Princess Alice is expected there to see a performance in aid of the Middlesex Regiment's fund for bereaved dependents.

Anglo-French Audience.—Yesterday's was a typically French audience, and the "Silloettes Parisiennes" which Mlle. Mylo both wrote and acted in were typically French too!

The Second Volume.—The piles of "Canada in Khaki" (Vol. II.) are vanishing from the bookstalls like the justly-celebrated snowflake on the river. Like it, too, they will be "gone for ever" soon, so if your friend in camp or hospital has not had his copy yet, let me remind you that the cost is but 3s.

Now General.—A new Brigadier-General, the Hon. Alexander Hore-Ruthven, second son of Baron Ruthven, has seen a lot of fighting. He won his V.C. with Kitchener in the Sudan, where he commanded the camelry.

More Fighting.—Not satisfied with that, he also helped to put the fear of Britain into the dark-complexioned Somali, and two years ago was severely wounded in the Dardanelles fighting. His wife is a kinswoman of the Earl of Clannmorris.

Brother Succeeds.—The new Lord Dufferin, who succeeds his brother, is in the Grenadiers, and was wounded in France. His D.S.O. was gained in South Africa, where he was also wounded. The heir is now his little son Basil, nine years of age.

Chef's Ration Problem.—I met Mr. Escoffier, the Carlton's chef, looking happy, in spite of Lord Rhonda. "The Food Controller's rations present no difficulties to gastronomic skill," he observed.

An Echo of Sedan.—You perhaps did not know that M. Escoffier, whose son, Captain Escoffier, was killed early in the war, did his bit in 1870, when he was chef to Napoleon III. He was taken prisoner by the Germans after Sedan and was months in captivity.

War Recipes.—Lady Glenconner is busy these days. To her other work she has added the compilation of a book of recipes collected from distinguished people. The profits from this useful volume will go to the Red Cross.

At the Empire.—They tell me at the Empire that the new operetta, "The Lilac Domino," will be of a spectacular character with lots of pretty girls. Thus will the traditions of that famous ballet house be maintained.

In the Searchlight.—I met yesterday Mr. Johnnie Fields, the American comedian of "Arlette," very haughty because of his younger brother, who is with the United States forces in France. The young man, who was one of the first batch of volunteers from the States, has already been wounded twice, and is now to be decorated for gallantry. Here is how Mr. Fields looks on ordinary occasions.

The Right Direction.—I hear that Mr. Sydney Ellison will be the new stage director at the Prince of Wales'. He so lives for the theatre that on one occasion his hostess at a country house reversed the Pine-roie phrase by saying, "Oh, Mr. Ellison, you do bring the scent of the footlights over the hay!"



Mr. Johnnie Fields.

THE RAMBLER.







# Daily Mirror

## AIRMAN'S PRETTY BRIDE.



Lt.-Commandr. W. G. Moore, R.N.A.S., and Miss Haydée Becker, the charming daughter of Mr. Fred Becker, were married at the Chapel Royal, Savoy.

## HEROIC ALPINE CHASSEURS.

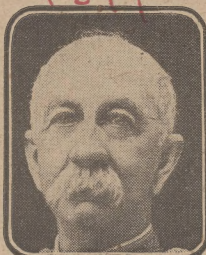


The famous French Alpine Chasseurs have added further glory to their colours in the fighting at Mount Tomba, from which they drove the enemy.—(French official.)

## TWO PEOPLE IN THE NEWS.



Miss Mary Isabel Hay Foster, whose engagement to Lieut.-Col. S. S. Allen, Distinguished Service Order, is announced.



Field-Marshal Sir Evelyn Wood, G.C.B., V.C., G.C.M., who celebrates his eightieth birthday tomorrow.

## DROWNED.



Lieut. C. M. A. Wellesey, R.N., eldest surviving son of Major E. H. C. Wellesey, has been drowned at sea.



HUSBAND D.S.O.—Lady Peck, the wife of Capt. Sir Wilfrid Peck, Bart., who has been awarded the D.S.O.

## NEW CLUB FOR PETTY OFFICERS.



Lord Derby opened the Chevrons Club for petty officers and non-commissioned officers at 74, St. George's-square, yesterday. The photograph shows Lord Derby with Major-General Sir Francis Lloyd, Sir George Perley and Admiral Wemyss.

## "QUARRYING" FOR A HOLIDAY.



These officers are taking a turn in a stone quarry—"just to keep themselves fit." They seem to enjoy their novel holiday. An open-air life is what they are used to.

## HERO OF THE AIR.



Lieutenant A. P. F. Rhys Davis, D.S.O., M.C., who crossed the lines on offensive patrols fifty-six times. He accounted for twenty-two enemy aeroplanes, including the crack German pilots Schafer and Voss.

## BUT IS IT PEACE, AFTER ALL?



The peace negotiations of the Central Powers at Brest-Litovsk. Left to right—Count Czernin, Grand Vizier Talaat Pasha and von Kühlmann.

## M.C. MARRIED IN LONDON.



Major Bernard Paget, D.S.O., M.C., and Miss Winifred Nora Paget were married at St. Saviour's, Walton-street, S.W., yesterday.